

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER  
MARCH 13, 2012**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm then called the roll:

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| Mayor Terry Seitz           | Present |
| Board member Timothy Bell   | Present |
| Board member David Prechtel | Present |

Also present were Police Chief J. Michael Bennett, Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang, Building Commissioner Darla Blazey, City Attorney William Shaneyfelt, and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm. Personnel/Safety Director Charles Schneider was absent.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the board members must be present. All board members were present; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 28, 2012. Thereafter, a **motion** was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

**CLAIMS**

The board members reviewed the list of claims from February 10, 2012, thru March 8, 2012. A motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by David Prechtel to approve the claims. Motion carried 3-0.

**KIOSKS**

At the February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting Whitney Hall, representing Dubois County Tourism, was asked to seek approval from the Park Board for the location of the kiosk at the train depot. Mayor Seitz reported that the Park Board approved placing the kiosk on the east side of the building where it was originally proposed.

## QUOTES

Mayor Seitz said during the recent tornado warning cell phone coverage was hampered in the Pfaffenweiler Room. He obtained quotes for items so the City can receive a signal to the lower level of city hall for cell phone coverage.

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|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Advanced Radio Communications | \$1283.00 |
| Audio World                   | \$ 790.93 |
| Video Tech                    | \$1266.83 |
| Harmonic Electronics          | \$1478.50 |

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to accept the quote from Audio World. Motion carried 3-0.

## 5K RUN/WALK

Kyle Werner, representing St. Joseph Parish, asked permission to hold the 5<sup>th</sup> annual 5K run/walk for St. Joseph's Church on Saturday, June 2, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. with registration at 7:00 a.m. The route that is the same as the last four years is as follows; start at St. Joseph Church property just south of the parish center, right on 10<sup>th</sup> Street, left on St. John Street, right on 9<sup>th</sup> Street, right on Bartley Street, left on 15<sup>th</sup> Street, turn around on 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Worrell Drive, continue the run/walk the same route back to St. Joseph Church.

An additional request this year is to have a police escort to start the event.

A **motion** was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by David Prechtel to approve the 5k run/walk on June 2, 2012. Motion carried 3-0.

## AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY WALK

Tricia Boehm, chairperson of the American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, asked permission to use the river walk, gazebo, and two shelter houses on Saturday, October 6, 2012 from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for this fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Registration is at 9:00 a.m. with the walk beginning at 10:00 a.m. A certificate of insurance and a waiver was provided.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to allow the use of the river walk, gazebo, and two shelter houses on October 6, 2012 contingent upon approval of the certificate of insurance and the waiver. Motion carried 3-0.

## GO GREEN DAYS

Phil Mundy, representing the Greater Downtown Jasper Business Association, asked permission to use one-half of the City parking lot located east of the post office on Friday, March 16, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Saturday, March 17, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to noon for a recycling event known as Go Green Days. People can enter the lot from 6<sup>th</sup> Street, drop off their items, then exit onto 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

Mayor Seitz suggested parking the recycling truck on the north side of the lot. He also said since the lot is used daily he needs to give notice relatively soon. He also recommended putting barricades up at the end of the day Thursday.

A **motion** was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by David Prechtel to give the Greater Downtown Jasper Business Association approval to have Go Green Days on the parking lot at 6<sup>th</sup> and Mill Streets this Friday and Saturday. Motion carried 3-0.

### **5K RUN/WALK**

Janie Farr, representing Young Life, asked permission to hold a 5K run/walk on Saturday, April 28, 2012. In previous years the event was held in the fall of the year. The route starts at the Jasper Middle School north parking lot, then south on Portersville Road, then west on 36<sup>th</sup> Street to Grassland Hills Road, south on Grassland Hills to the corner of Grassland Hills Rd and 31<sup>st</sup> Street, then turn around and return back to north Middle School parking lot, via same route as above.

Timothy Bell expressed concern about travelling on 36<sup>th</sup> Street particularly where the road narrows. After some discussion it was recommended using Lakeside Drive instead of Grassland Hills Road.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to give permission to Young Life to have a 5K run/walk on April 28<sup>th</sup> and use the revised route. Motion carried 3-0.

### **STREET CLOSURE**

Leah Jesse, principal at 5<sup>th</sup> Street Elementary School, asked permission to close 5<sup>th</sup> Street between St. John Street and Scott Rolen Drive on Friday, April 13, 2012 from 3:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in order to host a health fair.

After some discussion about homeowners in that area having access to their driveways, the matter was tabled and Jesse was asked to return to the March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **LOT WIDTH DEVIATION**

Phil Buehler with Brosmer Land Surveying said he was representing Chad Blessinger. Blessinger purchased 8.5 acres of land at an auction that is currently zoned agricultural and intends to build a single residential home on this property but there is not enough frontage for a R1 zoning. Instead of rezoning this one lot, there can be a deviation from the subdivision control ordinance requirements for a lot width for the plat if the plan commission receives a favorable recommendation from the Board of Public Works and Safety allowing for a variance for the frontage. Buehler said Blessinger is requesting a variance for the lot width.

City Attorney William Shaneyfelt suggested having preliminary discussion with the Plan Commission regarding this matter in order to help this Board. Mayor Seitz recommended tabling this matter.

### **KIMBALL INDUSTRIAL PARK**

Phil Buehler with Brosmer Land Surveying said he was representing Kimball International. He presented a plat for Kimball Industrial Park that includes 94.2 acres and is bordered by U.S. Hwy. 231 to the east, Kimball Blvd. to the west, 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the north, and including the Kimball Logistics facility on the south side of Power Drive. The area is being replatted because Kimball may sell part of the property. He asked the Board to accept the plat.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to accept the plat as described. Motion carried 3-0.

For the record: the official name of the plat is A Replat of Lot Two of Kimball Industrial Park & A Replat of Lot 1A of the Second Replat of Lot One of Kimball Industrial Park.

### **RIVERWALK CONCERT SERIES**

Jasper Chamber of Commerce Director Nancy Eckerle presented the following schedule and performers for the 2012 summer river walk concert series:

Sunday, May 20, 3:00-4:00 p.m. The Celebration Singers

Saturday, June 30, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Abraham Lincoln on Screen

Saturday, July 21, 7:00-9:00 p.m. SweetWater Band

Saturday, August 18, 7:00-9:00 p.m. The Hiding

A **motion** was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Mayor Seitz to approve the summer river walk concert series. Motion carried 3-0.

### **HALF MARATHON**

Kenny Hochgesang and Phil Wolf along with Dubois County Tourism Director Kevin Manley asked to use certain city streets for a half marathon on Sunday, September 2, 2012. This is the first time for this 13.1 mile event. Wolf said Memorial Hospital agreed to be the corporate sponsor. The run is scheduled to begin at 7:00 a.m. They identified the route that starts at the river walk by the Mill and includes the following streets; 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Mill, the Square, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, 231, 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Truman Road, Andrew Lane, Sunshine Dr, Old Huntingburg Road, St. Charles Street, Northwood Avenue, and Cathy Lane. They will have volunteers at the intersections. They also want to use the Buehler Plaza area for gathering and for entertainment.

Manley said their purpose today is to introduce the route. They will come back in the future with details. Because of the length of the route and the first time for this event, Mayor Seitz suggested having a working committee and come back to the Board only if needed.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to approve September 2, 2012 for the half marathon in the City and include a working committee and report back as needed and allow the run to conclude at the river walk and use that area for a staging area. Motion carried 3-0.

## **REMOVE TREES**

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle said he received a request from the homeowner at 310 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street for the City to remove three dead trees located in the tree park area. He showed pictures of the trees and said they have no life left in them. He said the electric department can assist with removing the trees and a private contractor will need to grind down and cut out the stump.

A **motion** was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Mayor Seitz to remove three trees at 310 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Motion carried 3-0.

## **REPORTS**

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle said earlier he distributed the 2011 street department yearend report and the 2012 projected report. He also reported on the Patoka Lake and Patoka River levels.

## **STREET CLOSURES**

City Engineer said he sent out the notice to proceed for the north side sanitary sewer project. They have 120 days to complete the project. He requested permission to close the streets in that area as needed during construction. The streets include 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Brosmer Street, Birk Dr, Alois Court, Terry Lane, Stacey Lane, and Mill Street. Hurm said he will provide closure notice to the media and emergency personnel.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to give permission to the city engineer to close streets on an as needed basis for the north side sanitary sewer project. Motion carried 3-0.

## **BANDENDORF STORM SEWER PROJECT**

City Engineer Chad Hurm made a request to change the plan specifications for the Badendorf Storm Sewer Replacement project. The specs call for the use of flowable fill to fill an existing pipe. Hurm explained the need to use cellular concrete grout instead. The length of the pipe is 400 ft. The additional cost is \$28,000.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to authorize the use of cellular concrete grout to fill in an old pipe. Motion carried 3-0.

## **REPAIR OF FORMER LANDFILL BUILDINGS**

City Engineer Chad Hurm presented a change order for repairing the storm damaged buildings at the former landfill. The change order is for a deduct of \$1,000 which brings the price to \$54,960. The change was made because of the difference in the insurance adjustor's price vs. the contractor's quote.

A **motion** was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by David Prechtel to accept the change order for a deduct of \$1,000. Motion carried 3-0.

## **OPEN HOUSE**

City Engineer Chad Hurm said the City of Jasper through the Storm Water Department in conjunction with the Dubois County Soil and Water Conservation District will host an educational open house at the train depot on March 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They will speak about erosion control. Hurm said part of the MS4 requirements is to provide public education and training such as this event.

## **ATTEND FALLEN OFFICERS' MEMORIAL SERVICE IN WASHINGTON DC**

Police Chief J. Michael Bennett said Officer Jeff Carie plans to attend the National Law Enforcement Fallen Officers Memorial Service in Washington DC from May 12-17. He is a member of the State's memorial team. Carie wants permission to take a City police car plus the City pay for two tanks of gas.

A **motion** was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Mayor Seitz to allow Officer Carie to take a car to Washington DC for the Memorial service. Motion carried 3-0.

## **POLICE VEHICLES**

Police Chief J. Michael Bennett asked permission to release quote packets for two new police vehicles with one trade in. He wants to keep the other old vehicle for a pool car. The City receives a trade in value of about \$2,500 when it trades in a police vehicle.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to release the quote packets for two vehicles and one trade in. Motion carried 3-0.

## **REMOVE ASSETS**

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang presented a list of radios that can no longer be used because of the narrow banding. He also has a light bar that is no longer useable. He asked to remove these items from the asset listing. City Engineer Chad Hurm said he may be interested in the radios if they can be used as walkies. The request was tabled.

## **TRUCK AND LADDER TESTING**

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang said he needs to hire a company to do testing on two ladder trucks and the ground ladder. He presented the following quotes to test the trucks:

Price for each truck

\$495                      American Test Center

\$925                      Underwriters Laboratories

Hochgesang recommended accepting the low quote.

A **motion** was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by David Prechtel to accept the low quote from American Test Center. Motion carried 3-0.

Hochgesang then presented the following quotes to test the ground ladder:

Price per ft.  
\$1.45 American Test Center  
\$2.60 Underwriters Laboratories  
Hochgesang recommended accepting the low quote.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to accept the quote of American Test Center for \$1.45 per ft. Motion carried 3-0.

### **CONFERENCE**

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang said the Firefighters Instructors Conference will be held in Indianapolis from April 16-21, 2012. He asked permission for four firefighters to attend for three days, April 18, 19, and 20.

A **motion** was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to allow four firefighters to attend training at Indianapolis on April 18, 19, and 20. Motion carried 3-0.

### **DEMOLISH HOUSE**

City Engineer Chad Hurm asked permission to seek quotes to demolish the house at 120 Main Street. There was a question whether or not funding for this work was in the budget. Hurm will bring this matter before the Board at the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by David Prechtel and seconded by Timothy Bell to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved \_\_\_\_ with X without corrections or clarification this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

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**Mayor Terry Seitz**  
**Presiding Officer**

**Attest:**

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**Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer**